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SUBJECT: SCC INFORMATION EXCHANGE (SALT TWO-596)

1. THE DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S VIEWS AS TO THE  
LEVEL OF DETAIL WHICH SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN DISCUSSING WITH THE  
SOVIETS THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE XI,  
2 (A) OF THE US DRAFT TEXT.

2. AS DRAFTED, THIS PROVISION CALLS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF "IN-  
FORMATION ON THE NUMBERS BY CATEGORY OF THOSE STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE  
ARMS LIMITED BY (THE) AGREEMENT". FOOTNOTE 52 TO THE DELEGA-  
TION DRAFT STATES THAT IT WAS CONTEMPLATED THAT THESE CATE-  
GORIES WOULD INCLUDE, I.A., LAUNCHERS FOR HEAVY ICBMS, NON-  
HEAVY ICBMS, MOBILE ICBMS, SLBMS, ASBMS AND FOR ICBMS, SLBMS  
AND ASBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRV SYSTEMS, AND HEAVY BOMBERS.

3. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATION IS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO EXPAND  
THE LIST OF "CATEGORIES" TO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN  
THE FOOTNOTE, SYSTEMS WHICH ARE E.G. OPERATIONAL, IN STORAGE  
OR RESERVE, OR USED FOR TEST AND TRAINING. IT IS ALSO CONSIDER-  
ING WHETHER TO INCLUDE "TYPES" OF WEAPONS WITHIN THESE CATE-

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GORIES, E.G. SS-16S, SS-17S, MM-IIIS, TU-95S. OUR MARCH 27

PLENARY STATEMENT ON ARTICLE XI OF THE U.S. DRAFT DELIBERATELY LEFT OPEN THIS LATTER OPTION BY REFERRING TO BOTH "CATEGORY AND TYPE".

4. ADOPTING SUCH AN EXPANDED INTERPRETATION OF THIS PROVISION WOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR CONTINUED CONCERN WITH INCREASING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE SIDES AND DECREASING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT AMBIGUOUS SITUATIONS WILL ARISE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SUCH AN EXCHANGE WOULD BE OF UTILITY IN ESTABLISHING A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT ACTIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED OF THE SOVIET SIDE IN ORDER TO REACH THE 2400 AGGREGATE LEVEL, IN ESTABLISHING A DATA BASE FOR BOTH SIDES TO USE IN ANY DISCUSSION OF FUTURE REDUCTIONS OR LIMITATIONS, AND IN ASSISTING IN MANAGEMENT OF THE 1320 MIRV AGGREGATE.

5. THE COUNTER CONSIDERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INCLUDING "TYPES" IN THIS EXPANDED APPROACH ARE THAT IT WOULD GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE OF THE U.S. DRAFT AND COULD BE VIEWED BY THE SOVIETS AS GOING BEYOND WHAT COULD BE JUSTIFIED BY THE NEED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT. THUS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE, COULD WORK AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISION, AND MIGHT JEOPARDIZE ATTAINMENT OF THE MORE MODEST GOAL OF AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE BY CATEGORIES.

6. WHILE I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT OUR DRAFT DOES NOT PROVIDE A SPECIFIC BASIS FOR MAINTAINING A POSITION ON INCLUDING BOTH "CATEGORIES AND TYPES", I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS VALUE IN ATTEMPTING TO GAIN SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THAT POSITION. I WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM IN PROVIDING THE SOVIETS WITH AS DETAILED AN ACCOUNTING OF US SYSTEMS AS WE SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN FROM THEM. JOHNSON

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